

# How The Promised Land Was Won

## *A Study of Joshua*

### How to Ambush Your Ai: Big Battles with Little Problems Joshua 8:1-35

#### Facts about the setting:

- Ai: "A heap of ruins"
- Bethel: "The House of God"

#### Three battles we will always fight:

- An external enemy – the world
- An internal enemy – flesh (self)
- An infernal enemy – the Devil

#### 1. Recognize the reasons for your defeat.

- The nation lost
- The man lost  
Colossians 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

#### 2. Remember the results of your defeat (vs. 4-9).

- 4 D's – death, discouragement, distrust, and dishonor

#### 3. Reengage the enemy of your defeat (vs. 8:1-2).

#### 4. Realize the victory over your defeat.

- Pursue God's plan: ambush your problems (vs. 3-17)
- Count on God's power (vs. 18-23)
- Put a death sentence on your fleshly lust (vs. 27-29)
- Put a priority on spiritual devotion (vs. 30-35)

**Lasting Lesson from Ai: No failure has to be final.**